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IT'S OUR 1ST ANNIVERSARY! – AND JUST IN TIME FOR THAT, WE WIN OUR 2ND AWARD!

That's Right; we've already been here for a year now, can you imagine that? – Where has the time gone? I'm guessing that we're doing everything right, because all of us have been getting so much great & positive national and even international attention as well! – Its Great! What has Kathy or OHA won lately? We're now currently working in conjunction with several national freedom of speech & civil rights organizations. Others all across the spectrum agree with us that the tenants under OHA have not been treated fairly.

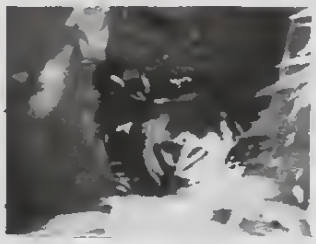
Will Housing Evict You for Owing them as Little as $6? – Yes!

Will your Olathe Housing try to evict you for owing them as little as $6? Yup, they'll try. Do you expect the least, little, tiniest bit of decency from Kathy or Olathe Housing? – We don't think so! Some months ago this happened to the Morrill's. They were given a notice to quit (eviction) notice because of an OHA screw-up! This is what transpired; they get an aviction notice with a notice to vacate the premises for being just a little short on May, 2019's rent – not for paying their rent at all mind you, but for being just a short tiny bit off. A nice friendly little phone call or a simple little note or a non-threatening letter wouldn't suffice, but they went right off & sent an eviction notice.

When the Morrill's had gone through their yearly recertification process way back in February, they were told what their rent would be for this upcoming year. After the Morrill's got a copy of the eviction notice in early May, they went over to complain about the matter. Housing Director Kathy claimed that they had notified us in writing that our rent had gone up a little amount for this year – a lie, they didn't. Kathy then showed the Morrill's her so-called mailing proof that OHA did mail a notice to them & the Morrill's asked for a copy. When they checked out the mailing numbers with USPS, it was shown that it was never picked up or delivered at all. So when the Morrill's rent was just a tad shy in their May rent, because they was not notified of the increase – Kathy & OHA sent them eviction notices – for just a little sum that wes owed them! Hey Kathy, just how much did it cost the city & OHA to file eviction papers & how much did it cost to send it out certified mail? Did it cost you more than we owed you? What a total weste of time & resources When is OHA ever going to get their act together?

The Poisonous Chemical Lawn Spray is Still Being Used All Around Our Property!

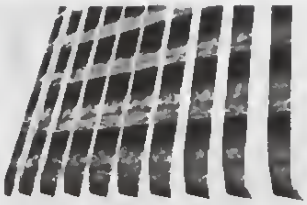
Yup, you heard it right, after we reported this in great length in issue #2 that the city had hired "Environmental Turf & Tree" to spray deadly defoliant spray that contains a certain chemical 2, 4-D (a major chemical component in "Agent Orange") the same dangerous & cancer-causing chemical defoliant that was used during the Vietnam War and that gave our Vietnam Vets all sorts of breathing problems & cancers (*see issue #2 for full details). But what's even more amazing, that it also contains the same exact chemicals that are in the weed killer "Roundup," (like glyphosate) which is causing the cancer non-hodgkin lymphoma. But still the city sprays this deadly concoction all over and all around us several times a year! Is this city is too cheap & much too lazy to allow city workers to weed.



Some Good News - Robins in Our Trees

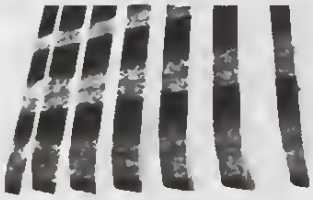
Everything around here isn't all bad – This spring we had a mama robin give birth to 3 baby robins in a tree outside one of our windows, it was a joy to see.

Elevators



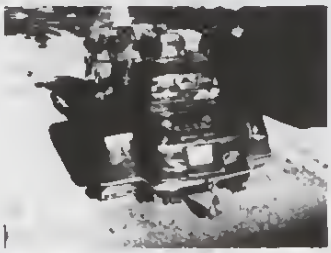
What else can we say, the same old, same old. The elevators constantly go out without any permanent fix (*see older issues).

The Black Mold & Mildew Growth is Back!



If you've had your unit's air conditioning on constantly during the long spell of hot weather that we've had recently, then you've noticed all of the new black mold that's suddenly growing in our recently replaced air registers. The constant high-humidity that's continually being blown into all of our units all throughout the late spring, summer & fall creates the unhealthy damp black mold. Kathy & OHA has taken sample air quality samples in the middle of winter, when it's the driest & when there is NOT much of any mold in the air. Our inside relative humidity has reached 76%, 79%, 84%, even 89% when the windows were closed and only the air conditioning was on. Everything in our apartments gets damp & mildewed. Now reports of resident allergies, headaches, etc. are coming in to us. (*See most of our past issues for in-depth black mold & asbestos articles).

Hey, Maintenance Worker James -- What's the Vulgar thing hanging from the Back of Your Motorized Tricycle?

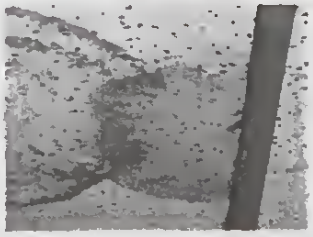


Residents have reported to us a seemingly disturbing & disgusting item that seems to be hanging off of the rear of James' purple big-wheel motorcycle. They photographed it & we wonder what it symbolizes? James, tell us what they are? To the different ones complaining, they look as though it is a pair of testicles hanging. If they are what everybody else thinks they are, then how dare you park your disgusting 3-wheeler in "OUR" regular parking spaces!! Hey, big boys eventually grow up & take off the training-wheels of a 3-wheeler & graduate into riding 2-wheelers.

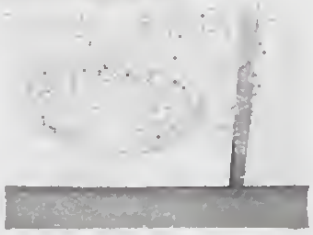
Shopping Carts Left in the Hall.

Please be courteous to all of our other residents, especially to our physically challenged residents by promptly returning them to the front lobby after you're through with them. And please don't leave them in the hall overnight.

Our Leak is still dripping after More than 2 Years+ Now.



Stupid Kathy still states that we don't have a roof leak that only drips into our ceiling tiles right after it rains & at no other time. Genius maintenance worker Cody told Kathy that it was nothing more than condensation & not a leak. Well Kathy hasn't come to inspect it herself right after it rains. She'd rather take the word of a person who only glanced at it for only a half a second. Well Kathy, the leaks still here – You can come & change the ceiling tiles as many times as you wish – the new ones you had replaced are already growing black mold on them, but it still won't stop the roof leak!! – I suppose everybody else's constant roof leaks right after it rains is only "condensation" too huh? – Whatever!



Parking & Housing's trying to Collect Even More Personal Info on YOU!

Kathy's now telling us to register our vehicles with housing (June 7th) – it is just another illegal intrusion into our lives. Kathy & housing have NEVER EVER enforced ANY parking rule they have tried to implement ever before. Legally, you the tenant do not have to share any further personal information, other than their own personal information for housing purposes only – NOT ANY of their other personal information, such as our vehicle information, tag numbers, etc.

Kathy & housing have never enforced any parking problems here at all – and never have. While we're on the subject Kathy – Why are city trucks & maintenance personal cars parked & stored here on Parkview Manor property, taking up even more of our parking spaces?? – Can't they park their city trucks & personal vehicles over across the street in city hall's parking spaces? Others Do?? Why must they park their vehicles over here?? Can't they simply walk across the street, a mere 30 feet from Parkview's front doors??? Why don't you solve this problem? You can't even stop anyone else from parking in our spaces, such as from care takers, etc. So, please don't bother us with your quite blatant stupidity anymore – First solve these other problems! What about adding more parking spaces on property here!

Housing's Plans to Implement RAD for Parkview & Scattered Sites...

We're always at least 2-Steps ahead of Kathy & Housing! – Like "RAD" First let's talk about not giving tenants proper legal notice (once again!), Housing's "Rental Assistance Demonstration Program (RAD) Resident Information Notice (RIN)" was not legally served by sending out these notices by U.S. Mail – Hey housing, how many countless upon countless times have you been told that official notices MUST be sent via U.S. Mail and not by just getting one of your housing authority flunkies just taping them on residents doors. And how does housing explain not notifying the Housing Union about their plans?? So, not providing proper legal notice to tenants then these so-called notices are illegal and are therefore deemed null and void. When are you going to learn Kathy, Huh?!!

Kathy & Housing claims that RAD will make it easier for them to access money to repair and improve the property now & in the future – Bull #%&$^ – Don't you believe it! The City of Olathe and its Housing Authority are trying to simply weasel out of ALL of "THEIR" legal responsibilities for running and operating Parkview & scattered sites, while still collecting ALL of the money (especially more of the free money from the government) as well as more from you, the tenants.

In that so-called May 13th notice, housing claimed that it describes all of your rights under RAD..." Bull – There's a lot of things that Housing hasn't told you! Did you also know that you do not have to accept RAD or Section 8 and still be able to stay here? We've already had meetings of our own and we can and we will get a Federal Court order to block the city from converting Parkview or any scattered site to RAD, Section 8, etc., if we're forced to and we'll publicize their plans as well! We'll keep you informed.

4TH FLOOR RESIDENTS ~ WATCH OUT FOR ANOTHER TENANT TRYING TO ENTER YOUR UNITS!

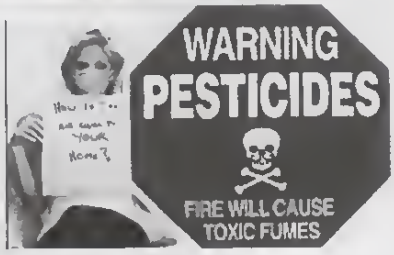
We've already caught one resident going from one 4th floor unit to another unit straight down the line, from door-to-door, trying to use his keys to enter different 4th floor units twice now – If you ever catch anyone trying to enter anybody else's apartment, then don't hesitate – **call the police.** We have to watch out for each other, because housing won't.

Housing's Annual Meeting & Picnic on July 31st...

Housing can't give us a Christmas/Holiday Party at Christmastime but can give us a picnic – are you serious?! Housing can't do anything for us any other time of the year; they can't even give us a person to take over bingo or seasonal parties anymore. They won't reopen their office here at Parkview – Kathy & housing has done absolutely nothing for us here – But at the same time, Housing thinks that they can simply insult our intelligence & try to pacify all of us with a couple of hamburgers & hot dogs! They have to offer the hamburgers & hot dogs just to try to tempt you to come & listen to their yearly lies and quite frankly their outright bull $@#&*!

The housing board plans to discuss "the successes during the last year" – are you kidding us??!! What successes??!! New lousy toilets that no one wanted in the first place, that don't work half as well as our old toilets did, & let me remind you that they were paid for through a federal grant – NOT by Olathe! They will claim that they cleaned all of our air ducts – The heating/air ducts were NOT in the least bit cleaned properly (* see past editions).

Kathy & her housing cronies have promised us everything under the sun, but have delivered absolutely NOTHING!! Our elevators still haven't been working or maintained properly (*also see many past editions). Kathy & housing changed our heat/air registers only in hopes of getting rid of some of the evidence from avoiding a tenant based class action lawsuit due to Parkview's major mold issues (*also see past editions).



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Did You Miss our Last 10 page Special Issue?

It's Time to VOTE one of these CITY Deadheads Out of Office.

As of this date, neither Olathe's mayor nor any of Olathe's city council members has gotten in touch with us, your housing Union. Olathe Council Member at-Large **John W. Bacon** is up for re-election on **Tuesday, August 6th**. Let's all get politically active by VOTING and start simultaneously throwing all these **do-nothings** out of office! Vote for either of his competitors either Alan Marston or Reid Strain instead.

WANTED

Kathy Rankin

Olathe Housing Authority Director

Olathe Mayor & City Council

Here are those really responsible for all of your housing problems...

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Michael Meadows
(Kathy's Boss)
Olathe Parks & Recreation Dept. Director

Yes, what has Kathy & Housing done for us this past year – Nothing, except issues that this Housing Union & its members have forced them to do! Nothing has changed here!! Why don't you ask Kathy & housing why so many tenants have decided to move out during this past year.

Pertaining to Kathy Rankin's Ridiculous Response to our newsletter (Dated; Monday, April 22, 2019)

Kathy stated that our newsletter stated "untruths" – Please!. About **Entry of Apartments** – She again only spewed out partial Kansas state law, not any of the precise federal law that supersedes any and all local & state laws. Kathy stated that "pest control" is an "agreed upon service" – Now what tenant in their right mind would voluntarily agree to be poisoned monthly with continual pesticide that'll wind up killing us? Monthly tenant meetings ought to be held in the evening so that **all** can attend & not only some – but Kathy doesn't want it that way because everyone would be complaining to her. Her letter claims that OHA have made improvements to Parkview such as…

New Roof (sorry, federally paid for) –

New Windows…Where & how many –

All Common Area Lighting in building changed to LED…Yeah, just to save THEM money. They replace 2 bulbs to 1 LED, yeah so that's why the halls are so dark at nighttime huh? Maybe we should all carry around lanterns at night.

New kitchen cabinets in all apartments & the community kitchen… Speaking of the so-called community kitchen when is it ever used for the residents? – Maybe like NEVER!

New flooring in all kitchens & bathrooms… This is all normally done anyways when tenants leave.

New ADA Toilets… The new toilets were federally paid for, not by the City of Olathe or OHA. The bidding process for the toilets & the installation is currently being investigated. But speaking of following ADA or Americans with Disabilities Act accessibility guidelines – the basic ADA guidelines for a single-user bathroom are: 30" by 48" access to the sink (the door can't swing into this rectangle). The measurement starts from the point where a person has 9" vertical clearance for their feet & 27" vertical clearance for their knees. The center line of the toilet must be between 16" to 18" from the side wall with no obstructions. A Clear circle of at least 60" around the side wall & 56" from the rear wall to allow a wheelchair to turn (the door cannot swing into the minimum required area for wheelchair-accessible toilet compartments). Why have ADA toilets Kathy, when nothing else in our bathrooms are ADA compliant. Kathy claims that they've received positive responses to these new toilets – We doubt it very much – Show us Kathy!

Cleaning of HVAC Ductwork in all apartments, common areas, and the lobby's… First off lobby's plural is lobbies. You claim that you've cleaned ductworks in all of the apartments…Oh really? You did? After texting other members, our response has been…No body's apartment ducts has been cleaned at all – Caught you again Kathy, huh! The so-called common areas duct cleaning was not done as well. Members were videoing the cleaning process all along in these areas – and they cleaned only on the outside & around the duct openings only – not actually inside the ducts – they were too high for them to reach in & clean inside them.

New Washers & Dryers… They had to lease newer ones; the other ones were a constant problem to them & residents. They did not buy anything, they're leased.

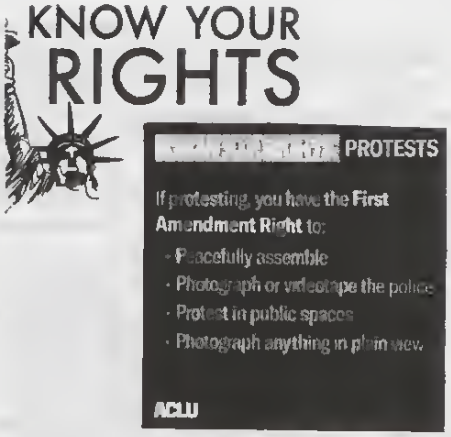
New Smoking Hut… Kathy & OHA has promised residents that for years now whoopee!

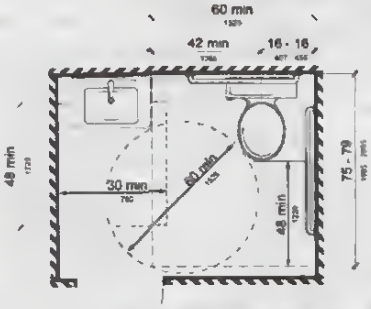
New Ceiling Fans in every living room & bedroom… Yeah, now not only do we have one ceiling fan that needs maintenance – now we have two – & residents have told us that the new one makes so much noise that they have difficulties sleeping. You can't have either fan operate on its top speeds – they would tear apart from its moorings overhead. Another investigation is under way about their bidding process as well.

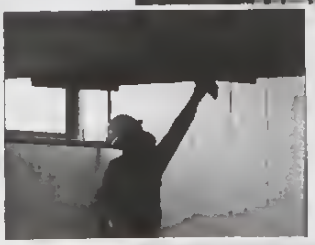
As for Kathy's & Housing's so-called **2019 & 2020 Approved Projects** being… **New Ceiling Tiles & Grids throughout building**…Yeah, we'll see. **Replacing Boards & Controls on Elevators**…sure! **Upgrade Exterior Lighting, Camera's, Security & Entry System**…Uh Huh, Sure! – Only if the feds pay for them! The City of Olathe, Kathy & OHA DOES NOT voluntarily do any improvements here without obtaining a Federal Grant paying for them first – Olathe can spend millions for the schools but nothing on us But the City, Kathy & OHA will take full credit for all of the improvements though!

Residency & Waiting List Requirements…Kathy claimed that "OHA has never had a residency requirement prior to living in Parkview Manor." Any resident that has been living here for over 3 years will definitely disagree with that!! Sorry Kathy, even we have the paperwork prior to when we moved in here that absolutely prove you lying again Kathy!!! – Try Again!

Guns in Parkview Manor… Kathy states that "residents of Parkview Manor have the right to own & carry a weapon." She further states…"OHA cannot put stipulations on residents regarding carrying a gun in common areas, in their units, or outside the building." Here, even







though our own entryway doors clearly display stickers saying NO GUNS (Stickers with a picture of a gun being crossed out), Kathy gets caught speaking out of both sides of her mouth once again! We stated the exact federal law & rules pertaining to guns in public housing – & the City, Kathy & OHA just fluffs all of it off. Just think about just what Kathy has said there… She going against clear federal law stating that they cannot stop anyone from carrying a gun anywhere in or outside the building ALL AGAINST FEDERAL LAW!!!! – Do you residents really want to see other residents clearly showing their gun(s) here at Parkview Manor?? – Really??!! Are You Kidding Us Kathy!!! This response clearly shows you that none of them – neither the City, Kathy, nor OHA cares anything about any of us!!!

Audio Recording… "staff have the right to record any conversation or communications that takes place between tenants or tenants & staff." Let's examine this shall we? Federal laws insists that you be personally notified if you're secretly being recorded in any way prior to your meeting, etc. OHA continues to state…"She (Kathy Rankin) has the best interest of…tenants…" – Oh Really!!! Kathy wrote all of this by herself. After you just finished reading about her (Kathy) having no problem with residents clearly having guns anywhere in the building?? She cares & has the best interest of us tenants while she is personally going against federal law by letting just anybody have & carry guns anywhere on the property!!!

Safe Living Environment… "OHA just had a very in-depth inspection by the Olathe Fire Dept…no other violations were identified." Sorry, we don't buy this – this is like hiring your own brother to do an inspection for you. Well the NFPA (National Fire Protection Association) stated otherwise under a year ago. Kathy also stated that "maintenance has started replacing the smoke alarms with the new lithium battery units that are self-contained & good for 10 years." – Our response to this is…Sure you have!! No batteries have been replaced. We've opened our smoke detector cover twice a year (spring & fall) & videoed the battery inside – it's not lithium at all just a plain old 9-Volt battery. You have a lie for everything don't you Kathy. Propaganda is always cheap – You don't have to do anything!

Pool Table & Activities…There was no mention of moving the tables to another room that has doors, of course not. Kathy claims that the issue of the volume of the pool players have been rectified – oh really!! Give the pool tables their own room with doors, sound-proof it & then they can make as much noise as they want without disturbing others. But this remedy is too easy for Kathy's mind to handle! Kathy also tells us …"Please do not call the police…this is not a police issue." Really Kathy, it's called "disturbing the peace" – If you wish to finally solve the issue Kathy, Give the pool tables their own room now – then residents won't have to call the police in here at all!

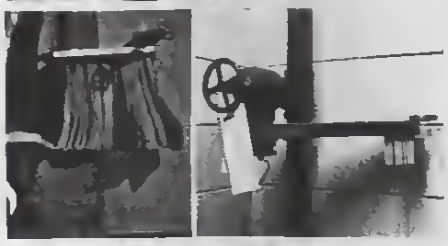
Laundry Concerns…Kathy states that Parkview Manor "is an independent apartment complex." See, first Kathy says that she cares…then she tries to wiggle out of having any responsibility for what goes on within the building. She says whatever…whenever…to get out of taking any responsibility for anything!

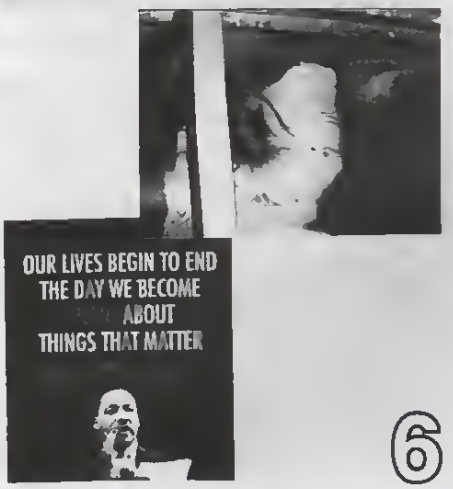
Maintenance…Kathy states "OHA maintenance staff works very hard to address maintenance repairs in the building. Parkview Manor is a well-maintained building…" Oh really?? If they care so much then explain how they always tell you to make out a work order first – If they care so much. Most tenants share the same opinion about our so-called working very hard maintenance workers. All problems are just fluffed off. They have the attitude that "we" the tenants know nothing – while they know everything. The Parkview Manor 3 Stooges who hide behind a locked, blocked window door usually have Lousy attitudes, lie, often give us the wrong diagnoses, everything abounds with these geniuses. This is an official request, Kathy show us all of the maintenance workers schooling & exact qualifications for actually being qualified maintenance workers – or are they like all of us think, that they're only under-trained & under-qualified city workers that only got the job because they knew somebody higher up in city government

Roof Leak…Kathy states that "the building does not have roof leaks" Then why did the roof cave in flooding occur on the West side of the building after the new roof was installed. and why is everybody complaining about small leaks now? – We have tons of photos & videos proving otherwise! We'll get you on that statement Kathy. Our own leak is still here, but now with black mold growing on it as well – but Kathy says its only condensation – without even checking it out herself. She claims "We are looking at re-wrapping the pipes…" Well when are you going to do it? Kathy later states "If you have a water leak. Leaks can cause damage to flooring, cabinets, and personal items." No – Really? – But fixing it is another story though isn't it.

Temperature in (the) Building… "Staff continues to monitor the temperature & adjust when necessary." Really?? Nobody monitors anything here – No one does anything here unless you first call over to housing about anything – & sometimes not even then. You should check the dictionary under "excuses" & you'll see Kathy's name right there. Our air conditioning fades in & out. It will work being cold, then slowly peter-out to be just blowing warm air. Nobody wants to ever fix anything here. Kathy just puts a band-aid over the problem – & then claims that there never was a problem in the first place.

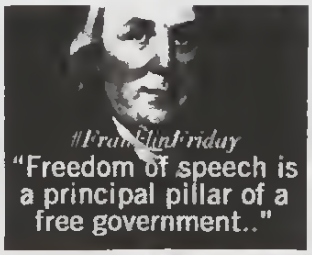
Ductwork Cleaned… (This was all answered earlier, but Kathy wanted to make another point



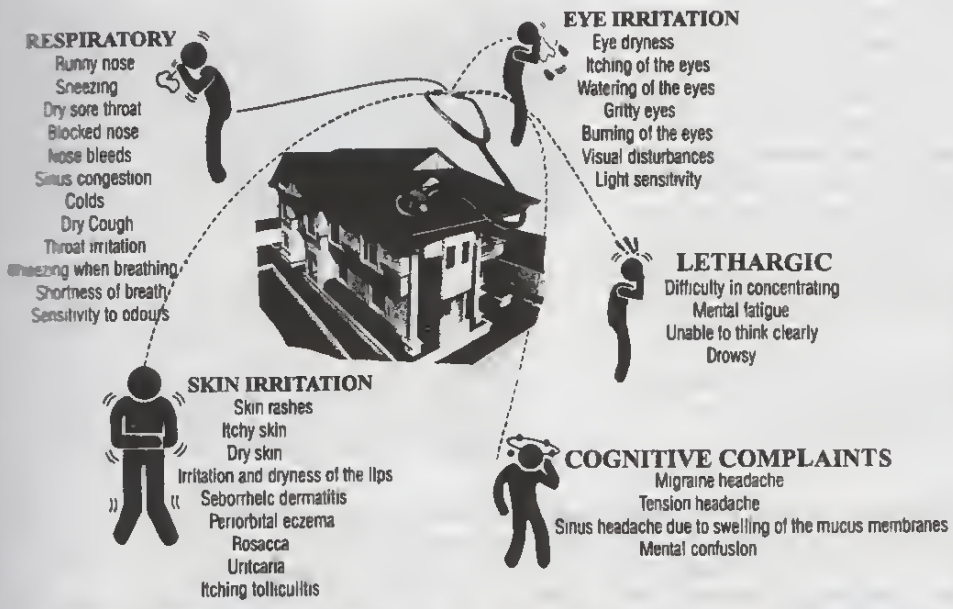


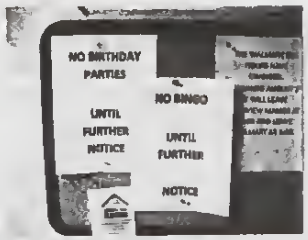
with it...) To make things short, OHA did uncertified tests by unqualified personal. This wa covered in depth in past issues, go check them out.

Her Summary ..Kathy states that "A lot of the tenants continue to thank us for the opportunity to have a nice place to live & appreciate what the staff does for them." Oh please, don't make us gag – Hey Kathy, that's why everybody's moving out then right?! What fumes have you been sniffing? Cause you're out there – Way Out There. You need a reality check. If this was such a great & wonderful place to live in, a so-called perfect Shangri-La as you would have us all believe then why is everybody wanting to move out then!!! You haven't addressed even half of the issues we've given you. She ends with a slight personal blow stating "(Section 8) vouchers enable you to live anywhere in the United States, including Washington DC." So we say Well Kathy, if you cannot handle the job or the pressure of it then maybe you could live anywhere yourself, including Leavenworth.



Symptoms of Mold, Mildew, Bacteria & Sick Building Syndrome...





Asking YOU to give me MY
CIVIL RIGHTS
implies they are yours to give. Instead, I must demand that you stop trying to deny me the rights all people deserve.

Legal Notices – If you have lived at Parkview Manor for at least 3 full years (moving in prior to Feb. 1, 2016) & you have experienced any continuing adverse health issues, you may receive free information about an upcoming class action lawsuit (former residents have already joined). The suit also involves unpaid-unreimbursed loss of tenants' personal property, due to water damage (leaks, flooding, roof collapse), theft, etc. Or if you think that your rights (civil rights or disability rights) may have been violated in any way by housing and/or the city – Write us.

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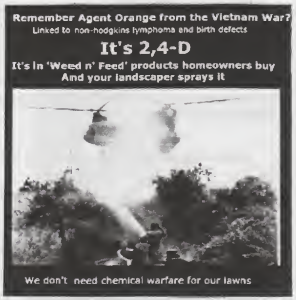
You, the Tenants Respond...

"Hi, I'm an official Tenant Union member. All throughout this place, everybody is trying to find out & admit that they're a Tenant Union member or not. Pardon me, but I don't give any hint that I am, and even If I was asked straight out, I would deny it. Last fall, at our tenant union banquet, we were advised not to expose ourselves or any other member that we were members to anyone else for fear of retribution by Kathy or from other residents that are spies for her. Hell, I wouldn't tell you if I was if my life depended on it – It's nobody's business but my own! Mostly everybody here is so cut throat, I wouldn't trust anybody to keep anything to themselves! Everybody has told me to "Trust Me," I say Hell No! Listen girlfriend, I wouldn't trust any of you at all. I'm right in amongst 'ya all & I see & hear how you all rip & tear each other apart. You're all nice & friendly to somebody & they open up to 'ya, then just as soon as they're outta sight you cut them down & make fun of them to everyone else...Hell, I wouldn't trust 'ya all with anything, let alone admitting that I'm an Union member & officer. I'm always right amongst 'ya all, listening, watching, I know how 'ya are. At least the Morrill's have the guts to tell it like it is & to try to help 'ya. They tell it like it is. They could'a left here & let all of us know nothin', be the blind little sheep lead to the slaughter wit out knowin nothin', but they didn't, they stayed to try & help us all. What have YOU done?? Have you done anything for anybody else?? Why doncha babies grow up or should I say wake up & smell the coffee here. Who else has done half as much for 'ya all? I'm amoungst 'ya, the same as other members are, but ya usually sicken me. You should figure out who 'ya friends really are, & do something for somebody else instead of gossipin & bitchen bout others all da time. An Kathy, you might get one a us, but 3 more'll rise up to take their place. Time to pay the piper is soon at hand. We are **NOT** going to be threatened or intimidated by you anymore, you too city council."

Other tenants write... (some words have been changed) "Hey whatever Kathy is smoking ask her to pass it over here to me, I wanna get as" fricken "out of touch with reality as you are babyl" & "...what planet are you Kathy, because you're certainly not living on ours..."



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